

Supervisor Romaine and Councilman LaValle Donate to Brookhaven Youth Bureau's Annual Interface Thanksgiving Food Drive

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Farmingville, NY – Recently, Supervisor Ed Romaine and Councilman Kevin LaValle (right) provided their support to the Brookhaven Youth Bureau's INTERFACE Thanksgiving Food Drive by donating hundreds of dollars' worth of supermarket gift cards. The food drive will run from October 19 through November 20. The Youth Bureau INTERFACE Program is a partnership between good neighbors and the Town of Brookhaven, united in a common effort to provide help to Brookhaven's less fortunate residents all year round. Pictured left to right with Councilman LaValle are Youth Bureau staff members Josephine Lunde, Amy Gironda and Lizabeth Derkevics.

"There are many families that struggle every day to put food on the table," said Supervisor Romaine. "This food drive not only helps those families, but it also reminds us about the true meaning of the holiday season. I ask everyone to give thanks for what they have and please open your hearts to those in need."

"I applaud this program which can help make the holidays a happier time for families in need," said Councilman LaValle. "Furthermore, I like to recognize the ongoing efforts of the volunteers of the INTERFACE program who work year round to help those whose circumstances are less fortunate."

Drop off points for the food drive are:

- Brookhaven Town Hall, One Independence Hill in Farmingville
- Henrietta Acampora Recreation Center, 39 Montauk Highway in Blue Point
- Brookhaven Town Highway Department, 1140 Old Town Road in Coram
- Rose Caracappa Senior Center, 739 Route 25A in Mount Sinai

Suggested food items for donations include all non-perishables including, but not limited to, canned soups, canned cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, stuffing mix, instant potatoes, canned sweet or white potatoes, rice, canned vegetables, jar or canned sauce, macaroni, canned fruit, puddings, jello, cookie mix, cake mix and icing and juice. Due to refrigeration requirements, the Town cannot accept frozen turkeys; however, residents can donate \$10.00 Gift Certificates to local supermarkets, enabling a family to purchase a turkey.

Hours of operation for the Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau INTERFACE Program's Thanksgiving Food Drive are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information contact Josie Lunde at the Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau at 451-8011 or visit www.brookhaven.org.

The Youth Bureau INTERFACE Program is a partnership between good neighbors and the Town of Brookhaven, united in a common effort to provide help to Brookhaven's less fortunate residents throughout the year, but particularly at Thanksgiving time. This year's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for local families ran from October 19 through November 20.

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